

Our government does not have an intrinsic, legal, or moral right to unconditionally "eavesdrop" or otherwise listen in on any citizen's private communications. This also includes engaging in "fishing expeditions" based on loose possibilities that someone may be doing something that may be discovered to be illegal if only an agency were able to listen just a little bit.

If an agency believes that someone is engaged in an illegal activity, then that agency must take that their belief and their evidence to a judge. Let that judge decide if the evidence warrants an intrusion on someone's privacy. Only then should the agency be allowed to set up their detection methods for a specified period and for a specific purpose. At the end of that period and purpose, then that agency must disconnect.

The law already provides for wiretap warrants, there is no need to expand, modify, or make it easier.

Terrorism is a terrible thing, but it is no excuse for making ourselves act in a way that erodes the very idea of what our country is about. If we are to remain a free country, then we must not take measures to limit our freedoms -- including the freedom to be wrong.